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NEWS ADVISORY: REGARDING REMOVAL OF PROPOSITION 80 FROM NOVEMBER 8 SPECIAL STATEWIDE ELECTION BALLOT

Sacramento --- Secretary of State Bruce McPherson issued the following statement regarding the Court of Appeals action today to strike Proposition 80 from the Nov. 8 Special Statewide Election ballot.

“As was the case yesterday with the ruling on Proposition 77 from Sacramento Superior Court Judge Gail Ohanesian, I appreciate the Third District Court of Appeal’s timely decision today regarding Proposition 80 so that elections officials and I can move forward in our preparations for the November 8 Special Statewide Election ballot. I will abide by this ruling.”

Proposition 80, Electric Services Providers. Regulation. Initiative Statute, according to its title and summary, “Subjects electric service providers, as defined, to control and regulation by California Public Utilities Commission. Imposes restrictions on electricity customers’ ability to switch from private utilities to other electric providers. Provides that registration by electric service providers with commission constitutes providers’ consent to regulation. Requires all retail electric sellers, instead of just private utilities, to increase renewable energy resources procurement by at least 1% each year, with 20% of retail sales procured from renewable energy by 2010, instead of current requirement of 2017. Imposes duties on Commission, Legislature and electrical providers.”

Its proponents, Robert Finkelstein and Michel Peter Florio of The Utility Reform Network (TURN) in San Francisco, collected more than 417,000 registered voter signatures to qualify the measure for the ballot. As a statutory initiative, to qualify based on the random sample, it needed at least 411,198 projected valid signatures.

Materials for the state ballot pamphlet will begin their statutorily mandated 20-day public display period on Tuesday, July 26. The remaining six currently qualified initiatives will be included in that pamphlet.

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